

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An electronic mail transfer device which receives an electronic mail sent from a sending terminal through a communication line and sends at least a portion of the received electronic mail to a receiving terminal through the communication line according to an address of a destination party attached to the electronic mail, comprising:

means for separating a body of the electronic mail into first data including text data and second data when the body of the received electronic mail includes the second data;

means for inserting an identifier associated with the second data into the first data; and

means for sending only the first data with the identifier to the receiving terminal;

wherein the identifier permits retrieval of the second data by the receiving terminal.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The electronic mail transfer device as set forth in ~~Claim claim~~ 1, further comprising:

means for storing the second data;

wherein the first data with the identifier inserted therein is sent by said sending means to the receiving terminal through the communication line.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The electronic mail transfer device as set forth in ~~Claim claim~~ 2, wherein the second data stored in said storing means is sent to the receiving terminal or deleted from the storing means in response to a request from the receiving terminal.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The electronic mail transfer device as set forth in ~~Claim claim~~ 2, further comprising:

means for assigning a temporary tag for the second data and placing the temporary tag into the first data when the second data is separated from the first data,

said inserting means replacing the temporary tag with the identifier that permits retrieval of the second data.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~The electronic mail transfer device as set forth in ~~Claim~~claim 1, wherein the communication line comprises the Internet.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~The electronic mail transfer device as set forth in ~~Claim~~claim 1, wherein the second data comprises ~~at least one of~~ graphic data and a computer executable program.

8. (Currently Amended) An electronic mail transfer system provided with an electronic mail transfer device for receiving an electronic mail sent from a sending terminal through a communication line and sending at least a portion of the received electronic mail to a receiving terminal through the communication line according to an address of a destination party attached to the electronic mail, a plurality of the sending terminals for sending the electronic mail to the electronic mail transfer device through the communication line, and a plurality of the receiving terminals for receiving the at least a portion of the electronic mail sent from the electronic mail transfer device through the communication line, in which the electronic mail transfer device comprises:

means for separating a body of the electronic mail into first data including text data and second data when the body of the received electronic mail includes the second data;

means for inserting an identifier associated with the second data into the first data; and

means for sending only the first data with the identifier to the receiving terminal;

wherein the identifier permits retrieval of the second data by the receiving terminal.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~The electronic mail transfer system as set forth in ~~Claim~~claim 8, wherein the electronic mail transfer device further comprises:

means for storing the second data;

wherein the first data with the identifier inserted therein is sent by said sending means to the receiving terminal through the communication line.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~The electronic mail transfer system as set forth in ~~Claim~~ claim 9, wherein the electronic mail transfer device sends the second data associated with the identifier in the first data and stored in said storing means to the receiving terminal or deletes the same data from the storing means in response to a request from the receiving terminal.

11. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~The electronic mail transfer system as set forth in ~~Claim~~ claim 9, wherein the electronic mail transfer device further comprises:
means for assigning a temporary tag for the second data and placing the temporary tag into the first data when the second data is separated from the first data,
said inserting means replacing the temporary tag with the identifier that permits retrieval of the second data.

12. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~The electronic mail transfer system as set forth in ~~Claim~~ claim 8, wherein the communication line comprises the Internet.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~The electronic mail transfer system as set forth in ~~Claim~~ claim 8, wherein the second data comprises ~~at least one of~~ graphic data and a computer executable program.

15. (Currently Amended) An electronic mail transfer method for receiving an electronic mail sent from a sending terminal through a communication line and sending at least a portion of the received electronic mail to a receiving terminal through the communication line according to an address of a destination party attached to the electronic mail, comprising the steps of:

separating a body of the electronic mail into first data including text data and second data when the body of the received electronic mail includes the second data;

inserting an identifier associated with the second data into the first data that permits retrieval of the second data by the receiving terminal; and

sending only the first data with the identifier to the receiving terminal.

16. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The electronic mail transfer method as set forth in ~~Claim~~ claim 15, further comprising:

storing the second data; and

sending the first data with the identifier inserted therein to the receiving terminal through the communication line.

17. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The electronic mail transfer method as set forth in ~~Claim~~ claim 16, further comprising:

sending the second data associated with the identifier inserted in the first data and stored in said storing means to the receiving terminal or deleting the same data from the storing means in response to a request from the receiving terminal.

18. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The electronic mail transfer method as set forth in ~~Claim~~ claim 16, further comprising:

assigning a temporary tag for the second data and placing the temporary tag into the first data when the second data is separated from the first data; and

replacing the temporary tag with the identifier that permits retrieval of the second data.

19. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The electronic mail transfer device as set forth in ~~Claim~~ claim 1, wherein the identifier comprises a URL.

20. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The electronic mail transfer device as set forth in ~~Claim~~ claim 1, wherein the identifier is inserted into the first data by appending the identifier to an end of the first data.

21. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The electronic mail transfer system as set forth in ~~Claim~~ claim 8, wherein the identifier comprises a URL.

22. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The electronic mail transfer method as set forth in ~~Claim~~ claim 15,

wherein the identifier comprises a URL.

23. (Currently Amended) An electronic mail transfer device for receiving a first electronic mail from a sending terminal and sending a second electronic mail to a receiving terminal, the device comprising:

a checking and separating unit for separating a body of the first electronic mail into first data and second data;

a storing unit for storing the second data; and

a synthesizing unit for generating the second electronic mail by inserting an identifier associated with the second data into the first data;

wherein the second electronic mail comprises the first data with the inserted identifier; and

wherein the identifier permits for retrieval of the second data from the storage unit.

24. (Previously Presented) The electronic mail transfer device of claim 23,
wherein the first data comprises text data.

25. (Cancelled)

26. (Currently Amended) The electronic mail transfer device of claim 23,
wherein the second data comprises ~~at least one of~~ graphics data ~~and a computer~~
~~executable program~~.

27. (Previously Presented) The electronic mail transfer device of claim 23,
wherein the identifier comprises a URL.

28. (Previously Presented) The electronic mail transfer device of claim 23,
wherein the identifier is inserted into the first data by appending the identifier to an
end of the first data.

29. (Currently Amended) An electronic mail transfer device which receives an electronic mail sent from a sending terminal and sends at least a portion of the received electronic mail to a receiving terminal, comprising:

means for separating a body of the electronic mail into first data and second data;

means for inserting an identifier associated with the second data into the first data; and

means for sending the first data with the identifier and without the second data to the receiving terminal;

wherein the identifier permits retrieval of the second data by the receiving terminal.

30. (Currently Amended) An electronic mail transfer method for receiving an electronic mail sent from a sending terminal and sending at least a portion of the received electronic mail to a receiving terminal, comprising the steps of:

separating a body of the electronic mail into first data and second data;

inserting an identifier associated with the second data into the first data that permits retrieval of the second data by the receiving terminal; and

sending the first data with the identifier and without the second data to the receiving terminal.